

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) An optical head comprising:

a laser light source emitting a flux of light;

an objective lens, the flux of light from the laser light source to an optical disk passing through the objective lens;

a lens holder holding an aberration correction lens in a space between the laser light source and the objective lens;

a drive shaft disposed to extend in a direction parallel to an optical axis of the flux of light, the drive shaft guiding the lens holder in the extended direction;

a piezoelectric element provided at an end portion of the drive shaft, the piezoelectric element being capable of extending to extend and contracting contract in a drive shaft direction in response to an applied voltage; [[and]]

a base including a bottom portion, and a pair of supporting portions provided to stand on the bottom portion while being spaced apart in a direction of the optical axis, each of the supporting portions having a through hole in which the drive shaft is inserted; and

a position detection portion detecting a position of the aberration correction lens in the drive shaft direction, the position detection portion including a magnetic field generation portion and a magnetic field detection portion disposed to be allowed to undergo displacement with respect to the magnetic field generation portion in the direction of the optical axis, one of the

magnetic field generation portion and the magnetic field detection portion being arranged on the base and the other of the magnetic field generation portion and the magnetic field detection portion being arranged on the lens holder,

wherein the lens holder is movable relatively with respect to the drive shaft in the drive shaft direction by varying a change rate when the applied voltage to the piezoelectric element is increased and decreased.

20. (Previously Presented) The optical head according to Claim 19, wherein:

a voltage that gives a rise to a change causing the drive shaft to slide with respect to the lens holder and a voltage that gives a rise to a change causing the drive shaft to move integrally with the lens holder are repetitively applied to the piezoelectric element.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) The optical head according to Claim ~~[[21]]~~ 19, wherein:

~~the drive shaft is supported on a base having a bottom portion,~~ the magnetic field detection portion is disposed so as to protrude from the bottom portion of the base.

23. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The optical head according to Claim ~~[[21]]~~ 19, wherein:

more than one magnetic field detection portion is disposed in a line along the drive shaft

direction.

24. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The optical head according to Claim [[21]] 19, further comprising:

a correction magnetic field detection portion provided at a position unsusceptible to a magnetic field generated by the magnetic field generation portion in such a manner that a direction of magnetic field sensitivity is aligned with a direction of magnetic field sensitivity of the magnetic field detection portion.

25. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The optical head according to Claim 24, wherein:

a correction magnetic field generation portion is provided ~~adjacently~~ adjacent to the correction magnetic field detection portion.

26. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The optical head according to Claim [[21]] 19, further comprising:

an auxiliary guiding shaft made of a soft magnetic body, the auxiliary guiding shaft disposed parallel to the drive shaft,

wherein the magnetic field generation portion is disposed at a position at which a direction heading from the magnetic field generation portion to the auxiliary guiding shaft becomes perpendicular to the drive shaft.

27. (Previously Presented) The optical head according to Claim 19, wherein:
the lens holder comes in contact with the drive shaft via a frictional holding body.

28. (Withdrawn) The optical head according to Claim 19, wherein:
the drive shaft is disposed parallel to the optical disk;
the optical head further comprises an auxiliary guiding shaft disposed parallel to the drive shaft and a mirror that deflects a flux of light from the laser light source in a direction of a normal to the optical disk; and
the mirror is disposed in a space between the aberration correction lens and the objective lens and also in a space between the drive shaft and the auxiliary guiding shaft.

29. (Previously Presented) The optical head according to Claim 27, wherein:
the frictional holding body is made of a resin material containing a fluorine-based compound or fluorine-based resin.

30. (Withdrawn) The optical head according to Claim 19, further comprising:
a temperature sensor that detects a temperature of the optical head.

31. (Previously Presented) The optical head according to Claim 19, wherein:
the aberration correction lens corrects spherical aberration.

32. (Withdrawn) An optical disk device comprising:
the optical head according to Claim 19; and
a control portion that adjusts an applied voltage to the piezoelectric element according to a detection result on the optical head by the position detection portion.

33. (Withdrawn) The optical disk device according to Claim 32, wherein:
the control portion is configured to be capable of acquiring disk identification information provided to the optical disk; and
the optical disk device further comprises a storage portion that stores a set position of the aberration correction lens in response to the disk identification information.

34. (Withdrawn) An optical disk device comprising:
the optical head according to Claim 24; and
a control portion that adjusts an applied voltage to the piezoelectric element according to a detection result on the optical head by the position detection portion,
wherein the control portion is configured to correct a set position of the aberration correction lens according to a detection result on the optical head by the correction magnetic field detection portion.

35. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The optical disk device according to Claim 34, wherein:

the optical head includes a correction magnetic field generation portion provided adjacently adjacent to the correction magnetic field detection portion.

36. (Withdrawn) An optical disk device comprising:

the optical head according to Claim 30; and

a control portion that adjusts an applied voltage to the piezoelectric element according to a detection result on the optical head by the position detection portion,

wherein the control portion is configured to correct a set position of the aberration correction lens according to a temperature detected by the temperature sensor.